CITY OF BASTROP REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 19th, 2025

The Bridging Bastrop Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken to wit:

Board Members Present

Chair Sheila Lowe Nancy Wood Carly Bartee Karen Knight

Sylvia Carrillo Tanya Cantrell Victoria Psencik

Staff Present

Kerry Fossler, City Council Liaison

Board Members Absent

Cedric Williams
Mary Moody

Other Board Members Present

Keith Ahlborn, Planning & Zoning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheila Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- February 17th & 24th at 5:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings at the Convention Center (P2 Rural & P3 Neighborhood Code Amendments)
- March 4th & 11th at 6:30 pm City Council Meetings at the Convention Center (P2 Rural & P3 Neighborhood Code Amendments)
- March 15th from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Music in the Museum featuring Terry Lyne Moore

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- March 25th Regular City Council Meeting
- March 27th at 7:30 am Sit with Sylvia at City Hall

- April 12th SpringFest in Fisherman's Park
- April 30th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Work in Bastrop at the Convention Center
 - Every 3rd Saturday of the month is Music in The Museum from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Free Admission)

3C. Additional Announcements and/or Events from individual Bridging Bastrop Board Members:

- April 1st & 9th Candidate Forum
- April 12th Shred Day
- April 13th P&Z meeting discussing the new rental property behind Southside Market.
- April 17th "Make & Take" lanterns at The Museum in honor of 250 years since Paul Revere's midnight ride
- April 17th Fundraiser for LCRA at Neighbor's
- April 21st BEDC meeting

4. REPORTS

4A. Received report on updates regarding job training and workforce development initiatives tailored to community needs and partnerships with the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions of Bastrop County via "Work In Bastrop" event.

5. WORKSHOP

- 5A. Reviewed and discussed items on the Bridging Bastrop Board 2025 Work Plan. Updating Work Plan to include the "Work In Bastrop" event under Goal 1, as well as including the development of a social media presence, utilizing reels on Facebook through Colin's (Public Information Manager) help under Goal 2.
- 5B. Reviewed and discussed the responses from Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) partners regarding the Executive Office of the President Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum on Temporarily Pausing Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs. Calls have been made to community partners to check in.

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6A. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, February 13, 2025, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Nancy Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board minutes from the February 13th, 2025 Regular Meeting. Board Member Carly Bartee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6B. Reviewed and discussed the February 2025 Monthly Employment Report from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.
- 6C. Discussed the need for Board volunteers for upcoming events, Board members signed up for the following:
 - SpringFest on April 12th: Sheila, Nancy & City Council Member Kerry Fossler
 - Work in Bastrop on April 30th: Sheila, Nancy, Karen & Carly
 - Bridging Neighbors on May 3rd: TBD
- 6D. Discussed the Board hosting and facilitating neighborhood meetings where development permits have been issued. Discussed benefits of having the neighborhood meetings before permits have been allocated if at all possible. Utilizing door hangers with QR code to view video (with multiple language options) to hear the proposed development changes in simplified language to make it more accessible to understand and participate in the neighborhood meetings.
- 6E. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion)

NONE

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion from Chair Sheila Lowe, a first from Nancy Wood and a second from Carly Bartee to adjourn, the March 19th, 2025 Regular Meeting was adjourned at **6:45pm**. without objection.

APPROVED:
Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary